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1. THE JANATA PARTY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MET AS SCHEDULED JULY
11 AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS "DESIRE" THAT
CHARAN SINGH WITHDRAW HIS APRIL 28 LETTER OF RESIGNATION
FROM PARTY POSITIONS AND THAT HE CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE AND THE PARLIAMENTARY BOARD. THE RESOLU-
TION ALSO CALLED FOR PARTY UNITY, EXPRESSED DISTRESS AT
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ALLEGATIONS PUBLICLY LEVELLED AT PARTY LEADERS AND CALLED ON
BOTH PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS TO DESIST FROM TRADING SUCH
ALLEGATIONS PUBLICLY OR IN THE PRESS. AT THE SAME TIME RABI
RAY OF THE CHARAN SINGH FACTION ANNOUNCED THE WITHDRAWAL OF HIS
OWN RESIGNATION AS ONE OF THE JANATA'S GENERAL SECRETARY.
AFWM PARTY PRESIDENT CHANDRA SHEKHAR SENT THE RESOLUTION TO
CHARAN SINGH WITH A COVER LETTER IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED THE

HOPE THAT THE FORMER HOME MINISTER WOULD RESPOND TO THE RESOLUTION. ASKED BY NEWSMEN TO COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTION'S REQUEST THAT HE WITHDRAW HIS RESIGNATION LETTER, CHARAN SINGH SAID "WITHDRAWING OR NOT WITHDRAWING, I WELCOME" THE RESOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, SINGH DENIED THAT HE HAD MADE ANY DEMANDS OR ALLEGATIONS. RAJ NARAIN SAID HE WAS HAPPY AND THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAD OPENED "A NEW CHAPTER AND RUNG THE CURTAIN ON THE PAST."

3. THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AFTER HOURS OF DEBATE WHICH REVEALED THE CONTINUING DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH TO THE CRISIS WITHIN THE PARTY. HARDLINERS REPORTEDLY ARGUED THAT CHARAN SINGH SHOULD BE ASKED TO WITHDRAW HIS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE PARTY LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THE RESIGNATION. THE "DESIRE" THAT HE WITHDRAW THE "LETTER" RATHER THAN JUST THE RESIGNATION ITSELF WAS APPARENTLY A COMPROMISE PHRASE THAT HARDLINERS COULD INTERPRET TO MEAN THAT CHARAN SINGH IN WITHDRAWING THE LETTER WOULD EFFECTIVELY BE WITHDRAWING THE ALLEGATIONS MADE THEREIN. THE VERY TENUOUS CEASE FIRE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING FOR THE MOMENT BUT WHETHER IT IS A STEP TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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